

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to come in and meet with me! It has been a great way for me to learn more about your children and to find out your concerns. I also hope that it was helpful for you to learn ways to help make the school/home connection. Spending just 10 minutes nightly reviewing a skill with your child can be very beneficial. Remember to make it fun and the learning will just happen.

Language Arts:

We continued to review the letter "Hh" and talked about harvest time. One of the activities was illustrating a book full of words that begin with the letter "Hh". The fun part about this book was that we traced our hand to make all of the pictures; we drew a *horse*, a *hat*, and a *haunted house* by tracing our hands. Ask your child to share the pictures with you and read the sentences. To continue to review the letter "Hh", we folded a piece of paper in half, then in fourths to create a 4-box matrix. We pretended this matrix was a "Hh" house and filled the upstairs and the downstairs with pictures of words that begin with the letter "Hh". To complete our harvest unit, we made a Scarecrow book. This book reviewed color words. In our class, we have been practicing our coloring - taking our time, staying in the lines, and choosing colors that make sense. If you have time this weekend, try coloring a picture together for a fun way to spend time together.

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Upcoming Events:

- November 24- Early Dismissal
- November 25 & 26 - No School! Holiday Break

Math:

To review properties of squares, we made a house full of squares. The most important thing to remember about squares is that they have 4 sides that are all the **same**. When we made our house of squares, we had to listen closely and follow directions, so we would know how many to count over, up, or down. We also practiced sorting with little pumpkins, squash, and gourds. For fun with the letter "Hh" in math, we made a book about things our hands could hold. Have your child tell you about all of the things his hand can hold. Remember to keep practicing to count to 100 and to write numbers from 1 to 15.

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folders daily!

Homework:

Please practice cursive writing daily with your child! Also, please read with your child daily; your child's reading folders are excellent ways to practice pointing to words and to develop sight word recognition and to begin to recognize words in isolation!

Next Week:

We will begin learning about the letter "li" and Thanksgiving traditions.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

*Please contact me with any
questions and concerns:
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